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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0043]

Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review (Declaration of Status of Dependents (VA Form 21-686c)).

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY:

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 -21), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0043" in any correspondence.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Title: Declaration of Status of Dependents (VA Form 21-686c).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0043.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

VA Form 21-686c is necessary to obtain current marital and dependency information

in order to determine the proper rate of payment for Veterans and surviving spouses

who are entitled to an additional allowance for dependents.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a

collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The

Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this

collection of information was published at 81 FR 240, on December 14, 2016, page

90411.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 56,500.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

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Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 226,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

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